Export of Tinned Marine Products

1084. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether our tinned products ae competitive in the international market;

(b) if so, the role Government propose to play to boost the export of marine products to international market; and

(c) if not, whether Government realize the potential of exporting marine products to the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) A limited quantity of canned (tinned) fishery products is produced in India and the same is not competitive in international market. The Marine Products Export Development Authority is encouraging exporters to export consumer packs of selected ready to eat marine products, in retortable pouches. Further, in order to increase the exports of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; participation by MPEDA in international fairs, conducting overseas market surveys; etc.

Export and Import of Various Items

†1085. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the import and export in agro products, petroleum crude products, textile, industry, ford processing industries, computer software and hardware and auto industry have been

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

made during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002, and the first ten months of 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of items imported and exported by the said industries during each of the above said years;

(c) whether Government have identified those items whose export is decreasing compared to their import in term of value; and

(d) if so, the details of such items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The value of exports and imports of agro products including plantations and processed food items, Petroleum Crude Products, Textiles, Computer software and hardware and Road vehicles and parts thereof representing the auto industry is given in the state annexed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The value of exports of Agro products including plantations and food processing and Textiles and Textile articles is much higher than the value of their imports made during the last two years and during the current financial year up to November. Similarly exports of Road Vehicles & parts thereof is much higher than the value of imports during the last two years and during the current year. As regards Petroleum Products although the value of its imports is much higher than the exports of Petroleum products, of late exports of Petroleum products have picked up quite substantially.

Statement

Details of value of India's Exports and Imports of Various Items

(*Values in US $ Million*)

Commodities	Exports			Imports		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-03 APR.-SEPT.	2000-2001	2001 2002	2002-03 APR.-SEPT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Agro Products Including Plantations and Food Processing*	4400.50	4533.31	2243.03	2188.46	2788.28	1515.31

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Textiles & Textile Articles**	11574.163	10353.328	5797.01	1170.48	1531.88	796.41
Computer Software and Services***	6019.5603	7653.29	6420@	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Electronic Hardware***	1048.0602	1216.14	916@	3508.42	3774.44	3403#
Petroleum Products	1892.43	2125.44	1559.98	15650.09	14000.25	11383.21
Road Vehicles & Parts Thereof****	932.75	866.19	522.85	322.96	305.16	48.66

* Total of Section II, III and IV of Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S, Kolkata

** Section XI of Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S, Kolkata

*** Data as supplied by Electronics & Computer Software Export Promotion Council

@ Estimated exports for April-December 2002-03

Estimated imports for April-November 2002-03

**** Chapter 87 of Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India, DGCI&S, Kolkata

Import of farm equipments from China and Korea

1086. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that import of Chinese and Korean farm equipments is fast grabbing the small agro-machinery market segment in the country;

(b) if so, the details of imports of such equipment from China and Korea during the last two years along with the percentage of market share grabbed by them; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The